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Kalamazoo to get pre-engineering program

LANSING – The Senate today voted to leverage the potential of the Kalamazoo Promise, said Sen. Tom George.

Sen. George sponsored an amendment to the School Aid budget that allots \$100,000 to the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency to create a countywide pre-college engineering program much like those already in place in Grand Rapids and Detroit.

"The presence of the Kalamazoo Promise enabled me to convince my colleagues that future engineers could be found among the students of Kalamazoo County," said George, R-Texas Township.

The program is intended to meet the need for well-trained engineers for growing businesses of Southwest Michigan and to increase the number of historically underrepresented populations in these career fields.

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